



# News Release

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### **IDWR Grants Petitions to Reconsider Water Right North of Moscow**

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The Idaho Department of Water Resources has issued an order granting petitions for reconsideration of a water right recently issued to Ralph Naylor Farms located about three miles north of Moscow.

IDWR agreed to review the petitions under the following terms:

- The granting of the petitions does not represent IDWR agreement with any provision of the petitions or the responses by Ralph Naylor Farms.
- IDWR retains jurisdiction of the matter in order to provide time to adequately review and consider the matters alleged in the petitions and the responses.

The Latah County Commission filed a petition for reconsideration alleging among other things, that the water right “will conflict with the local public interest”.

The Cities of Moscow and Pullman, Washington also filed a petition for reconsideration, requesting changes in language used in the December 1, 2004 Preliminary Order granting the water right. Both cities want in their words, to “clarify IDWR’s acceptance” of a Protocol the cities signed last fall with Ralph Naylor Farms. In that Protocol, Naylor Farms agreed to stop pumping ground water if levels in nearby wells begin to drop.

Hearing Officer L. Glenn Saxton, who granted both the original Preliminary Order, and now the Order for Reconsideration, will conduct the review. If he reaffirms the Preliminary Order, the petitioners can appeal to the Director of IDWR.

The Order for Reconsideration is posted on the IDWR website: [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov)

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